

SINGLETON RETURNS TO NEW MEXICO AS NEW BLM ALBUQUERQUE MANAGER

Ed Singleton, the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) new Albuquerque Field Manager, grew up in New Mexico, and returns with over 25 years of resource management experience, according to BLM State Director Michelle Chávez. Singleton arrived at the BLM Albuquerque Field Office earlier this month and will be officially sworn-in on Wednesday, April 21. Members of the public are invited to attend the swearing-in ceremony on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. at the BLM Albuquerque Field Office, 435 Montañó, Albuquerque, NM. Following the brief ceremony, members of the public will have an opportunity to meet Singleton, along with Chávez and BLM Albuquerque Field Office staff, during a BLM Albuquerque Field Office open house.

"I've had an opportunity to work in many BLM offices across the country, but my heart has remained in New Mexico," Singleton said. "I'm delighted to be home, and I look forward to meeting and working with all our stakeholders and interested members of the public."

Originally from Tularosa, NM, Singleton received his undergraduate degree from Western New Mexico University and his Masters degree from Texas Tech University. He also completed post graduate work at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, where he began his BLM career as a range technician.

In addition to rangeland management, Singleton has extensive experience in a broad spectrum of natural and cultural resource programs including wildlife, wild horses, forestry, fire, hazardous wastes, watershed and soil, water and air programs. In 1993, he completed a special assignment as the Assistant Regional Director for Budget and Administration with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Albuquerque. Former Governor Bruce King appointed him to serve on the state's Big Game Advisory Council in 1992.

Singleton's BLM career has taken him to a variety of sites in New Mexico including Carlsbad, Socorro and Las Cruces. He has also worked in Colorado, Oregon, and Washington, D.C. Most recently, he served as the BLM District Manager in Vale and Lakeview, Oregon.

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As BLM Albuquerque Field Manager, Singleton is responsible for management and administration of nearly 1 million acres of public land in northern New Mexico. BLM Albuquerque Field Office staff oversees a wide variety of public lands programs including livestock grazing, cultural resources, recreational use, watershed restoration, mining, realty, and wildlife habitat in Bernalillo, Cibola, McKinley, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Tarrant and Valencia counties.

Singleton's wife of 23 years, Martha Sanchez Singleton, is a native New Mexican. They have two children; daughter Rena is a currently a UNM freshman, and son Joseph is a high school junior looking forward to beginning his senior year in New Mexico.

"The resources and the people in New Mexico have always been very special," notes Singleton. "I fully anticipate that my work as BLM Albuquerque Field Manager will be the most challenging and rewarding of my career."

All members of the public are invited to attend the open house and swearing-in ceremony. For further information contact BLM's Albuquerque Field Office at (505) 761-8700.

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